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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Deputy Director for Intelligence
SUBJECT : DDI Reply to DIA Proposal for Joint CIA/DIA Research
on Warsaw Pact Ground Forces
REFERENCE : Memorandum from [redacted] to
Dr. R. J. Smith, dated 30 March 1967

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1. Attached in draft is a suggested DDI reply to [redacted] proposal that CIA and DIA undertake joint analyses on a number of ground forces topics. In the reply, as drafted, the DDI would:

- a. agree in principle to the concept of further joint efforts;
- b. effect immediately closer substantive liaison with DIA on these topics; but
- c. defer earmarking specific studies until after the forthcoming NIE.

2. ORR is well along with research projects on critical ground force questions in support of NIE 11-14-67. To avoid upsetting a tight schedule we feel that no large scale joint activity should be undertaken until these projects are completed in late summer. USIB target date for NIE 11-14 is September.

3. In the future some joint effort may well prove beneficial, not only in research, but also in more effective consolidated tasking of collectors [redacted] and information processors, [redacted]

4. We are told informally that the DIA request was initiated by the "estimates" shop, partially in the hope that a joint project would strengthen its ability to direct the DIA Production Center research toward problems central to NIE 11-14. Although this is obviously an internal DIA problem, close relationships such as envisioned here should result in improved contributions to ONE, possibly more interagency agreement and a smoother "Reps" process.

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5. The draft reply leaves open deliberately the question of how "joint analyses" should be managed, which is an aspect to be worked out in the context of the specific circumstances and studies involved.

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Attachments: (2)

TAB A: Proposed DDI Reply to



TAB B: Referenced Memorandum

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